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PRESENT STRONG CASE FOR DEBT LEGISLATION

Submit Health Insurance, Social Security Plans

CABINET IS ASKED BY DELEGATION FOR FEDERAL DEBT ACT

Details of Brief Submitted to
Government—West's Case
Fully Set Forth

COURTEOUS HEARING

Nature of Western Economy Make
Permanent Legislation Desirable
Farm Credit Not Injured

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C. LL.D.

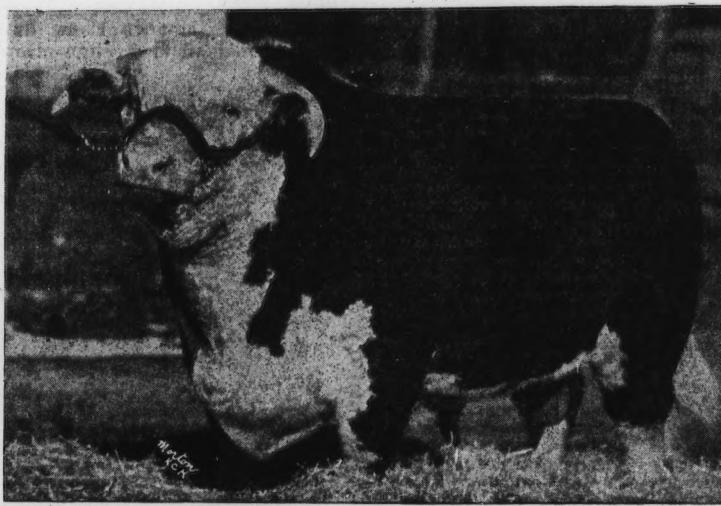
OTTAWA, March 16th.—In a brief submitted on Monday to the Prime Minister and Cabinet, a delegation representing the Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, of farmers' organizations, and of municipalities of the Prairie Provinces, set forth in detail the causes which have led to the creation of the serious problem of farmers' indebtedness in these Provinces, and declared that in the light of the evidence presented "simple justice demands some plan of adjustment of interest-bearing past due debts". Indication was given of the scope and nature of the legislation which the delegation believes to be necessary, to take the place of the Provincial legislation declared *ultra vires* by the Privy Council.

The delegation was received by the Prime Minister, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Ministers of Finance, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, and the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon. The Minister of Mines and Resources, Hon. T. A. Crerar, was unfortunately prevented from attending by illness. The Ministers gave the delegation a very courteous hearing, and promised careful consideration of the proposals laid before them.

Meeting the Minister of Finance again on Tuesday afternoon, the delegation presented a supplementary statement, stressing the necessity for debt legislation of a permanent character to meet the special circumstances of the Western Canadian economy, and denying that such legislation is detrimental to farm credit.

Together with the brief referred to by Mr. Brownlee was submitted a bill drafted at the Saskatoon conference of representatives of Prairie Governments in February, at which the statement of the Saskatoon Conference of June last, stressing the necessity for "Dominion legislation in substitution for the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act" was reaffirmed. It was asked that a tribunal be created to write down the principal and reduce the interest rate on secured and unsecured farm debts, and alter the terms of their repayment; also to review its own decisions in the light of

Herefords Lead in Bull Sale Entries



Including 424 Herefords, 184 Shorthorns and 88 Aberdeen-Angus, 696 bulls will be offered for sale at the annual Spring Shows and Sales to be held in Calgary on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 30th to April 2nd. Bulls will be judged on Tuesday, and the sale will commence on Wednesday morning. Herefords to be sold first, followed by Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus. Sponsored by the Alberta Hereford Breeders' Association, a calf sale will be held on Monday afternoon, March 29th, in aid of war charities. Grand Champion herd sire Domino 356, from Frank Collicutt's Willow Spring Ranch is shown above. Courtesy *Canadian Cattlemen*.

Farm Machinery Quota Is Increased

Increase in the quota for essential farm machinery from 25 to 35 per cent of the 1940 production was announced in Regina on Monday by H. H. Bloom, administrator for farm and construction machinery. These lines include well pumps, pressure systems, grain grinders, binders, combines, and milking machines. The quota of 150 per cent for spare parts has been raised to 165 per cent.

TO MEET JUNE 22-23

Next annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held on June 22nd and 23rd at St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, P.E.I., it is announced in a letter to *The Western Farm Leader* from W. T. G. Weiner of Ottawa, Secretary-Treasurer.

subsequent events; to extend protection to individuals whose affairs are being administered under the proposed legislation in any particular year or circumstances; to stay proceedings arising on debts or securities after an adjudication has been made; and to make all these remedies available in respect to any farm debts, regardless of the time at which they were incurred.

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Farmers' Purchasing Co-ops. Make All - Time Record

(Co-operative League News Service)

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17th.—Farmers purchasing co-operatives chalked up an all time record of business in the 1941-42 season, according to a report just released by R. H. Elsworth of the Farm Credit Administration.

Rural consumer co-ops covered in the Farm Credit statistics showed an increase in membership of 190,000 members, pushing the total for purchasing co-ops over the million mark for the first time in history, with a total of 1,170,000 members.

Business of purchasing co-ops boomed with an increase in dollar volume of \$111,000,000, a gain of nearly 30 per cent. Volume is within striking distance of the half billion mark with business reported at \$480,000,000 in the 1941-42 season.

The Farm Credit Administration study showed a total membership of purchasing and marketing co-ops estimated at 3,600,000 with total marketing and purchasing business of \$2,840,000. In number of associations, individual membership and percentage of business increase, the purchasing co-operatives moved forward faster than the marketing associations.

Up to the end of last year, Canada had sent \$100,000,000 worth of supplies to Russia.

BILLS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS IN OTTAWA HOUSE

In Addition Report on Vast Social
Security Scheme Is
Submitted

ANNUAL COSTS OUTLINED

In Budget Debate Government
Asked Increase Minimum
Price for Wheat

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, March 17th.—The problems of the farmer are brought before the House of Commons whenever national economic affairs are under discussion. This is of course perfectly natural, for agriculture is part and parcel of the war effort, and is so recognized. Time does not permit to enumerate the suggestions to improve the farmers' position advanced by speakers during the discussion of the Budget. As an example of these suggestions, Mr. Perley of Qu'Appelle asked that the Government consider an initial price for wheat of \$1.10 as a step towards a parity price, with a domestic price of \$1.25.

Comprehensive Health Scheme

Of considerable interest have been the draft health insurance bills for the Dominion of Canada which have been placed for study before the Special Committee on Social Security by Pensions Minister Ian Mackenzie. Under the proposed health insurance measures, which would be administered by the Provinces with Dominion financial assistance, every Canadian would receive medical and dental services, hospital care and drugs at a cost of not over \$26 per year for each adult. The public treasury would contribute about \$131 million of a total insurance cost estimated at \$256 million. No constitutional amendment would be needed to enact the health insurance measures, as they would be carried out by the Provinces assisted by Federal Grants.

Combined with the health insurance plans are programs for the prevention of disease and for the promotion of the physical fitness of young people. There will be Federal financial assistance for the programs for combating tuberculosis, for the treatment of mental diseases, for the training of health experts and for the general improvement of the physical well being of the young. Persons with low incomes will not be required to contribute to health insurance more than 3 per cent of their incomes if single and 3.7 per cent if they have dependents. Deficiencies in the contributions from low income categories would be made up from public funds.

"Canada's Beveridge Report"

A vast social security plan which might be called Canada's "Beveridge" (Continued on page 8)



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

Co-operation, seeking the good of all, is essentially a democratic movement. The co-operator wants economic democracy as well as political democracy.



Tells of Days "Before We Had a Pool" . . .

Recently the Central Alberta Dairy Pool received the following letter from C. E. Stone, the farmer who signed the twenty-third contract. He's not milking any more, but he tells something, for the benefit of younger folk, of the conditions in the old days, and gives reasons why he believes every shipper should support the Pool. Mr. Stone, now living at 334-15th Ave. W., in Calgary, writes:

"As I was the twenty-third man to sign up, it might be of interest to some of the younger members to know something of our trials before we had a Pool. I well remember when we put our butter down in wooden tubs and kept it the best we could through the hot weather, and in the fall loaded it in a lumber wagon and went 30 to 40 miles to market, and sold it from 10 to 15 cents, all in trade, no cash.

It was a great help to our district when Mr. Larsen, the founder of the Pool, started what now is a large co-operative business. I for one give Mr. Larsen credit for the foundation of what we now have. He worked almost day and night in the early days of the Pool. He had no time to talk of anything but Dairy Pool.

Now we have a Pool so that your Cream Checks are cash—the merchant is glad to get them, quite different from the old days. As for me, I don't milk any more, but when I did there was never a can of cream went any place but to the Pool; and now the boys are doing the job I can say that

they have never sent a can anywhere but to the Pool.

The Pool has had its ups and downs, as I see it, but it seems to be in the best of management now. But, Mr. Producer, it is with you that the success of the Pool lies. No matter how good the management is, it must have the support of the Producer.

We, as members, are too apt to think anything is o.k. and neglect our duty. We need the best men as directors; as far as I know we have the best, and we want to keep them."

C. E. STONE,
334-15th Ave. W., Calgary.

The first co-operative dehydration plant in the U.S. is expected to commence operation about March 1st. It will form an adjunct to the vegetable cannery at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, owned by the Consumers' Co-operative Association, and will have a capacity of 70,000 pounds of raw food products a day.

Dairy Business Is Coming Into Its Own . . .

There are signs, and to us they are unmistakable, that the dairy business is coming into its own. We make this statement based on information that we have, which comes from outside the field of our present emergent need for increased dairy production on account of the world war.

Show Need for Proper Nutrition

In recent months there have been production of the average dairy



QUALITY COUNTS—Some time ago we published the story of the fine record of production of the herd of one of our members, A. L. Peterson of Edberg. We have not received the most recent figures, but Mr. Peterson is maintaining the high standard in his herd of which he is legitimately proud. Above is a picture of one of his cows, whose excellent dairy qualities you will at once notice.

experiments on what proper nutrition will do to the individual, both as to the improvement in himself physically as well as mentally. Nutrition experts are very sure that they have unmistakable proof that proper nutrition does wonders for the individual, and one of the essentials in proper nutrition for everyone is that each of us shall use more dairy products, and dairy products can include, besides milk or the products from milk, eggs, and to a lesser extent, of course, poultry meat.

Many of our members are, as far as they are physically able to, building up their herds. At the same time, you are wondering what is going to be the situation when the war is over. We ourselves feel that there will be a good demand for all the dairy products that you can produce for some time after the war. There is one thing, however, that none of us, and particularly the producer, should overlook, and that is, in the enlargement of your dairy herd do not enlarge it in numbers first.

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under 200 pounds of butterfat per year. It should be 300 to 350 pounds. Artificial insemination is now an accomplished fact, and groups of dairymen all over Central Alberta should get together and make arrangements that their herds can be improved. One herd sire this way can serve three or four average herds. We should be very pleased to advise you further in this respect, or you could write Dr. J. E. Bowstead, of the University of Alberta. Dr. Bowstead is an acknowledged authority on artificial insemination and can give us expert advice on animal health and diseases.

Yes, the future for the dairymen looks brighter, as it pertains to future markets for production, but our dairying can still be a disappointment to us if our herds are not improved now while prices are better.

THE MANAGEMENT.

Good Pool Meeting Is Held at Condor

A meeting of members and friends of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool was held in the Community Hall at Condor on the evening of February 27th. A lovely night and the promise of pictures for the children and grown-ups as well, played their part in bringing together a goodly number of people, for in spite of other attractions in the immediate vicinity there was a nice turnout.

The meeting was called to order by R. H. Edgar, the Director for this district, who asked for nominations for chairman. The delegate, H. V. Bice, was duly elected, and started the ball rolling with a series of very suitable remarks. Apparently he knows just what pleases. Certainly he is a past-master at paving the way for those who are to follow him, for he placed everyone at ease. So it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Edgar's remarks followed along much the same lines, and by the time Mr. MacShane was called on for a few words it was an easy matter for him to be able to stress the difference between a private or joint stock company and a co-operative.

Pool's Rapid Strides

Taking the building up of the Dairy Pool since its inception as an example of what could be accomplished through co-operation, Mr. MacShane spoke of the rapid strides the Pool had made and would continue to make if given a continuance of member loyalty. He spoke of the organization as being built, owned, and controlled from the ground up, in contrast to private enterprises or joint stock companies which are built, owned, and controlled from the top down. The motto of the former is service while that of the latter is profit.

Mr. Johnstone, the General Manager, briefly reviewed the year's results. It was gratifying to everyone to hear him say that every branch of business in each of the several plants had shown a nice surplus. He gave figures which indicated that the Pool had in many instances improved on previous records, and he finished his remarks on the note that perhaps a question period would bring out information regarding which individual members present were particularly interested. This proved to be correct, for many questions were asked and answered by the plant managers under whose management they came. Both Mr. Martin, the Manager of the Condensery, and Mr. Lundberg, the manager of the Creamery at Red Deer, were in attendance.

The singing of "God Save the King" brought to an end what proved to be a very pleasant and profitable evening.

The A.L.C. on Calgary Stockyards

By HUGH ALLEN
President, Alberta Livestock Co-operative

The Alberta Livestock Co-operative, Ltd., opened its own offices on the Calgary Stock Yards on Monday, March 8th, having bought out the business of the Central Livestock Commission Co.

Mr. O. F. Hamill, the former owner of the Central, will be in charge of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative and the staff will be the same.

The Calgary office will be under the supervision of the general manager of the A.L.C., Mr. Claude Campbell of Edmonton.

The Calgary agency will start with a considerable volume of business from co-operative livestock marketing associations in different areas tributary to Calgary, which are already signed up with A.L.C.

Urged to Bill to A.L.C.

It is expected also that there will be an increasing amount of stock from the area right around Calgary served by trucks, and all those stockmen in that district who have an interest in the co-operative movement are urged to bill their cattle, hogs and sheep to the A.L.C.

Organization work in the district will be carried on through the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, although it is not necessary to be a member of that body in order to ship stock through the A.L.C., the only difference being that from the first shipment from non-members of the U.F.A. District Livestock Co-operative, a service fee of one dollar will be deducted which may be applied as a membership fee if so desired.

The co-operative movement is steadily gaining ground in Alberta. It was never in a healthier state than at the present time, and livestock producers are urged for their own protection and the future well being and development of the industry, to get behind the livestock co-operatives, both the Local Associations and the Central Selling Agency.

Sugar for Canning—Must Apply Before April 15th

Applications for sugar for canning should be made before April 15th, to the local ration boards, or to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Williamson Building, Edmonton. Each housewife must state in her application how many persons she caters for, in her household, and must attach their blank applications, showing their ration book numbers. Of course her own name and address must be given, as well as the serial letters and number of her own ration book.

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THE LAST STRETCH

More than half of the total sum for which the Canadian Red Cross is appealing to the public in Alberta has now been subscribed. The special effort to raise funds for this most worthy of causes will be continued until the end of March.

Albertans have an established record of generosity to the Red Cross. They have never failed to respond readily to every appeal which has been made in its behalf. The record is excellent in both urban and rural Alberta. The need for funds was never before so great as it is today; and long before the end of this month the objective should be attained—and greatly surpassed.

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DEATH OF H. E. G. H. SCHOLEFIELD

Many thousands of Albertans who knew him in the years when he was active in the farm movement will share the deep regret with which we learned, just before going to press, of the death of H. E. G. H. Scholefield, who served the farm movement for many years, first in his own locality, later as Director and for nine years as Vice-President of the United Farmers of Alberta.

All who attended U.F.A. Conventions during that period will recall vividly his commanding figure on the platform, and the fine, resonant voice which made every word of the resolutions and reports clearly audible in every corner of the hall. Of genial temperament, dignified presence and no mean ability, Mr. Scholefield was a worthy representative of the United Farmers of Alberta in meeting governments and authorities on many occasions. He was intensely loyal to the farm movement. On the occasion of a presentation to him upon his retirement in January, 1931, he asked the delegates to the Convention of that year "to give that counsel, that help, that inspiration, that co-operation" to the new officers which they had given to the old, "that we may go from strength to strength; that it may never be said of us as it was said of a people of old time, 'that being armed and carrying bows they turned back in the day of battle'. The day of battle is upon us, my friends; and let us not turn back."

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OTTAWA DEBT CONFERENCE

News of the conference in Ottawa this week on the subject of legislation concerning farmer indebtedness was overshadowed in the daily press by the parliamentary reports on the national health insurance bill and the

The Red Cross

*From our abundance let us fill the hands
Of Mercy that her task she may maintain.
Frustation, want and grief stalk other lands—
Here are but echoes of the world's pain.
The sick, the wounded, orphaned, homeless,
lost,*

*The prisoner behind his tangled wire,—
If we but set ourselves to meet the cost—
Our messenger will succor and inspire.*

Only to give—we are not asked to do.

*Only to give—our own needs first supplied.
Only to give—from safety whence we view
Whole nations with their simplest needs
denied.*

*The Red Cross lamp must ever clearly shine—
Provision of its oil your task and mine.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

plan for social security. Neither the newspapers we have seen nor the radio reports contained more than brief references to the conferences of the Dominion Cabinet and representatives of the Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, farm organizations and prairie municipalities.

That no doubt was inevitable; yet the outcome of this conference will have a most important bearing not only upon the future of Western Agriculture, but upon the economic stability of Western Canada as a whole.

As the despatch from Mr. Brownlee indicates, full consideration of the case presented by the delegation was promised by the Government. It may be that before this issue reaches our readers' hands a decision may have been announced. The judgment of the Privy Council, finding the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act to be *ultra vires*, leaves a very confused situation in this Province and elsewhere in the West in respect to farmer indebtedness and its adjustment. Speedy action is necessary. Parliament should act at once.

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The submission, as our readers will find on reference to the report published elsewhere in this issue, contains an overwhelmingly convincing case for the setting up, not merely as a temporary expedient, but as a permanent institution, of a tribunal or tribunals to deal with the adjustment of farm debts in the Prairie Provinces. "We have heard much recently about the new order that is to follow the war," it is stated. "A satisfactory and reasonable method of debt adjustment may properly be part of such new order."

To Ireland on St. Patrick's Day

Beatha Agus Slainte!

By SYDNEY MAY

*Lo, in thy cities, thy byways and alleys,
Death the grim reaper, had lurked overlong;
But though he stalked through thy glens and thy valleys,
Nothing could silence, dear Erin, thy song.*

*Murder and rapine and arson were leering,
Long years they had taken from thee their sad toll;
But o'er the tumult thy lovers were hearing
The song of thy beauty, the song of thy soul.*

*Primroses peep from thy hedgerows at morning,
Gold that is showered on the green of thy grass,
Dewdrops tremble, like jewels adorning;
Or tears dropped by fairies, unseen as they pass.*

*There is joy in thy meadows, a song in thy river;
Violets are modestly blooming again.
There's a hint of thy nature in sly bogs aquiver.
A laugh in the water that sweeps through the glen.*

*There are buds on thy bushes and thrushes are singing;
There's a song on the wind and a whisper of years
In the notes of the lark now so gladly upspringing,
That bids thee to smile, thou dear land, through thy tears.*

*Thy mountains of Mourne, thy sweet hills heather tinted,
Are young with the Spring, though in years they are old;
And not all the metal that ever was minted,
Can rival Avoca, sun-kissed into gold.*

*Lo, it is springtime when Love reigns as master—
Hast felt not the scourge of thy hate overlong?
Canst thou not hear, 'mid the din of disaster,
The song Love is singing? Love is singing thy song.*

*Thy land was made wondrous for all men to love thee,
And though thou stand sullen and weeping apart,
We know after rain that the sun shines above thee,
And they who shed tears have a song in their heart.*

Merger of two insurance co-operatives operating in Wisconsin and Minnesota has been recommended by the annual meetings, and it is hoped eventually that all six insurance co-operatives in these two states will operate as one unit.

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A Record to Be Proud Of

By A. W. HALEY

We're proud of our Local and its record. It is one of many Locals in the Province; but because we think others may be interested, we should appreciate the privilege of using valuable space in *The Western Farm Leader* to record a bit of its history and also to describe our last meeting.

Gathered together at the home of Mrs. Ruth Eckel, recently, a large crowd attended the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Didsbury Local U.F.A. No. 12.

Realizing that this Local must indeed be one of the big brothers of the family; having only 11 others older, I began to wonder how many other Locals had as good, or perhaps better records than this one. It dates back to 1907. Then, it was Local of the Alberta Farmers' Association. Later it merged into the U.F.A., and has been active, continuously ever since.

Even in those days, keen members realized that agriculture must express itself through a universal farmer's organization, if it were to receive fair returns for its products. Now, thirty-six years later, farmers realize their hope for survival lies in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, with which the U.F.A. is affiliated—a Dominion-wide association of wheat, dairy, fruit, and livestock producers.

Growth of Co-operative

George Church, speaker at this meeting, stressed the importance of these obvious facts. He told of the steady growth of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, which has exceeded the highest hopes of those who began it. He presented very fairly, both sides of the U.F.A.-A.F.U. amalgamation proposals. He felt, that, while eventually a union between these two would be arranged, at present they are both members of the Canadian Federation, and as such are a decided strength to agriculture.

Mr. Church has a very pleasant way of discussing the many farm issues, and held the interest of those present throughout. His duties and responsibilities give him a keen insight into the many phases of agriculture and

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its problems. Incidentally, he is one of the busiest men in Alberta's farm organizations.

The following officers were elected: A. R. McNaughton was re-elected President; Hugh MacLean, Vice-President; W. J. Scheidt, Secretary.

The meeting noted with regret the passing, during 1942, of Norman Clark, who was for many years a true and loyal member of this organization. Mrs. Eckel served a delightful lunch, assisted by the other ladies present.

Beef slaughtering in Canada this year are expected to be about 10 per cent greater than in 1942. Domestic consumption of all meats increased from 117 pounds per year, per capita, in 1938, to almost 130 pounds in 1942.

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(Co-op. League News Service)

CHICAGO, Ill. — Co-operatives throughout the country are growing so rapidly that the quota system of allotting available goods is working a severe handicap on them, declares T. A. Terhune, general manager of National Co-operatives, Inc. A survey just completed covering eleven of the regional co-operative wholesale associations affiliated with National Co-operatives showed that there were 17.3 per cent more retail co-ops served in 1942 than in 1941, and that the increase in member-patrons was over 20 per cent.

Instalment buying and department stores charge accounts in the U.S. dropped by nearly three and a half billion dollars during the first eleven months of 1942, according to a survey made by the *Wall Street Journal*. In the same period, American farmers reduced their aggregate mortgage indebtedness by over \$200,000,000.

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WINTER DREAMS

By Lieut.-Col. J. McK. HUGHES, "The Barracks," Flatbush

We sit and stare at that window; that window thick with frost. We know that outside it is thirty below zero. The roads are drifted and the snow piled high wherever the wind can get a sweep across the open fields.

You look and look and see! the frost is melting from the window panes. Look again. Those snow piles are disappearing. The water from them is seeping into the thirsty soil. Yes, look again—there is green grass in the yard, and see, a nodding flower, bright gold against the green. What is it? Why, of course, an Iceland Poppy, the first flower of spring. Those beauties that once planted come again and again. Later in the season they may hardly be noticed among the other wonders of the garden, but how welcome in May.

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But keep your eye on those borders and see a procession of garden beauties that spring up, display their glorious colors and then give way for others eager to flaunt the glory of their colors. See in the forenoon that bank of sky blue, those blue flax on long slender stems. In the heat of the day they close their petals so as not to lose their bright color in the intense sun. Then see those bunches of columbine unfurl those long spurred, deep-throated wonder flowers, and how they continue to bloom week after week. But now on every hand flower crowds new flowers. The early asters (self seeded) of every hue and color. Those garden pinks that are pink and every other color. Then those nasturtiums planted in the window box and in every vacant nook and corner, truly, glorious gleams of so many shades, they are uncountable.

Now those iris in that long row in the East border, not now the old blue flag, grand as they were, but now converted by the hybridizer's magic into every color under heaven. My favorites (if it is possible to have favorites among irises) are those delicate gold or lemon shades. Plant more and more iris, they are so hardy and repay you so splendidly. Now look across to that west border. See those tall stems pushing up and up. Yes, they are lilies,

Clustered in the shadows

Lapt in golden ease they stand;
Rarest flower in all the meadows,
Richest flower in all the land.

—D. R. GOODALE.

Yes, and the roses. Perhaps the oldest, the most written about and the most sung about flower of all time. Once they were thought too tender for prairie gardens, but now there are so many extra hardy varieties. Get some. Fill up those odd corners. Plant a Betty Bland right out in the middle of the front lawn. Then the glory of that sweet pea hedge. Great spikes of rich bloom, that when cut and placed in vases give beauty to the dullest room.

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Autumn comes on and the glory of the garden seems rushing to a climax. Late flowers suddenly rushing to display their wonders before cut down by that Great Reaper, Jack Frost. We have the late asters and close to the ground that carpet of wonderful colors, those pansies that bloom and bloom until covered with another carpet—snow. Then those tall clusters of golden glow, six feet or more in height, that are the last blooms before hard frost locks the garden for its long winter sleep.

Have we told the whole garden story? No, not by any means. We have missed out many glorious friends among the garden beauties, but the list is so long it would take pages to tell about them all.

But, oh yes, we must tell about that flower that brings gladness into the garden and the home. It is rightly named the *Glad*. Have you ever watched them grow, expand and unfurl; first as a narrow green sword

blade that is quickly followed by many more; then you watch for the flower stem, shooting up from the centre; then how closely you watch until the first flower unfurls to tell you what glorious color is coming. Then flower after flower along that great spike, until you stand in amazement at its richness, its velvety sheen in every color imaginable, from the purest white to dark mahogany.

Some people buy named, known, colors, but I think there is greater enjoyment in getting a mixed lot and waiting and watching and speculating about each spike which, when it blooms, seems even lovelier than its mates. I have grown many lovely gladioli, but last year we had some extra fine ones, and they only cost one dollar for eighteen large bulbs. Oh yes, I should not forget that they also threw in a year's subscription to the *Voice of Co-operation*, *The Western Farm Leader*.

How we watched those glads, grow, throw up their great long spikes, then unfurl their beauty to the sun. The first was a beautiful pure white; the next a rich salmon; then a dark maroon. Fifteen out of the eighteen bloomed, and when at last the frost cut them down, we carefully dug them and carefully stored them away for another season.

And that is one of the beauties about the gladioli. You can use those same bulbs year after year. Now once again, just as soon as they were announced, we have ordered another dollar's worth of gladness to add to our collection. If you have not tried raising glads in your garden, I advise doing so this year, and through *The Western Farm Leader* you are assured of a fine start. While you are bringing gladness into your own home by growing glads, why not do a good deed and bring gladness to a neighbor or a friend. Send a parcel of gladioli bulbs along with the *Voice of Co-operation*? Maybe that neighbor has not been a good co-operator; but seeing the wonder of God's creation in the beauty of the gladiolus, he or she will learn the beauty of *co-operation*.

Wrote D. B. Gurney:

The Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world;
And He sat there an angel warden
In a garment of light unfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven
That the hawk might nest with the wren;
For there in the cool of the even'
God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that those garden-closes
With their shade and sun-flecked sod,
And their lilies and bowers of roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon;
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S.M., Crossfield.—I have a cow that has had a cough for nearly a year. She is getting thinner although she is being well fed. What could be wrong with her?

Ans.—Would advise having this cow tested for tuberculosis.

OTTAWA DEBT CONFERENCE (Continued from page 1)

Terms of the Submission

In the submission it was recalled that the Dominion Government did not deem it wise, last July, (when a delegation from the Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta waited upon them), to take any action whatever until the Privy Council should have rendered its decision on the appeal then pending.

"That decision," the submission pointed out, "has now been rendered. . . . The Privy Council held that the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act was in the nature of insolvency and bankruptcy legislation which only the Dominion had jurisdiction to enact. The practical result of the judgment is that only the Dominion can pass legislation of the nature required to provide adequately for the adjustment of debts."

Setting forth the reasons why legislation is considered necessary at the present session of Parliament to take the place of the Provincial legislation declared *ultra vires*—legislation which it was "respectfully submitted did much in the extremely difficult period since 1929 to restrain oppressive action by creditors, alleviate distress, and prevent unrest in the agricultural sections of Western Canada,"—the

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In recapturing territory lost in the North Caucasus, the Red Army has regained a wheat acreage roughly comparable to that of Saskatchewan.

submission outlined again (supplementing the brief of last July, which was again submitted) the causes leading to the serious debt problem which developed in Western Canada, and which "still exists in an acute form in many parts". These causes were stated to be:

"1. The rapidity of land settlement in Western Canada, particularly after 1906.—By the early twenties land had been settled, cleared and improved and farms equipped to the extent that approximately twenty million acres of land were annually seeded to wheat. Due to the high prices then prevailing, for farm products, another five million acres were added before the effects of the depression were felt in Western Canada. The equipping of Western agriculture in so short a time involved a heavy investment of capital. As pointed out in the Rowell-Sirois Report (Volume 1, page 108) much of the equipment, land and buildings were obtained at high prices by means of borrowed money. Land was purchased at inflation prices. Interest rates were uniformly high, as is characteristic of any pioneer area. In one generation agricultural development took place in Western Canada to an extent only accomplished in older parts over several generations.

"2. The ten year depression continuing from 1929 to 1939.—In our previous submission we pointed out the serious decline in farm income on the Prairies in those depression years. The average gross cash income from 1926-29 was \$537,937,000. The corresponding average figure for the period from 1930-41 was only \$260,600,000.00. As is pointed out in the Rowell-Sirois Report (page 149, table 46), while the index of prices of tariff protected manufactured goods only fell from 100 to 86 in the years from 1929 to 1932, and the index of wholesale prices from 100 to 70, the index of farm prices in the same period fell from 100 to 48. Table 47 of the same Report shows that while the net income of farmers as a percentage of national income fell from fifteen percent in 1929 to five percent in 1932, no similar decline took place in any other industry, section or class of Canada's population.

"3. The unprecedented drought conditions from 1933-37, when the average yield per acre fell from the recognized long term average of sixteen bushels per acre to the all time low of 6.5 bushels per acre in 1937.

"If further evidence were required to establish the reasons for the existence of a debt problem in Western Canada it would only be necessary to make reference to the huge sums of money paid during that period for agricultural relief by the Dominion and Provincial Governments. To quote from Professor C. E. Hope of the Department of Farm Management of the University of Saskatchewan:

"Ten years of intermittent or prolonged drought with low prices have resulted in an increase in the debt burden to excessive proportions over almost half the area of Western Canada."

"The problem thus created could not be solved by a few years of higher farm income. Considerable publicity has recently been given to the increase in farm income in Canada for the year just closed and it has already been suggested in some quarters that because of this increase in farm income the debt problem in Western Canada may solve itself.

Some Essential Facts

"For that reason we think we should point out the following facts:

"1. That even with the increase that took place last year the total farm income for the three Prairie

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- but John Freeman beats disaster

"I'VE BEEN hailed out. But I've got an idea." John Freeman sat across the desk from his bank manager in a small prairie town. John's eyes twinkled but his mouth was grim. "Idea's about all I have got!" he added.

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WAR DIARY

Mar. 4th.—Entire Jap convoy of 22 ships destroyed by Allied bombers, operating from Australia; 15,000 troops believed wiped out. Russians take 4 towns west of Rzhev, Kursk. Hamburg heavily bombed by R.A.F. Docks at Rotterdam, rail yards at Hamm, bombed by U.S. fliers. Air raid shelter accident at London costs 178 lives. Allies forced back four miles in north Tunisia, Nazi attacks in other areas repulsed. British submarines have sunk 7 enemy vessels, damaged 9 others, in Mediterranean, Admiralty announces.

Mar. 5th.—First Army in North Tunisia beats off Nazi attacks. Russians clear railway line from Velikiye Luki to Rzhev. Total of 527 Axis ships in Mediterranean sunk or damaged by R.A.F. One bomber missing from operations over western Germany, enemy waters. Jap convoy reported totally destroyed; included 12 transports and 10 cruisers or destroyers; no survivors.

Mar. 6th.—Essen bombed in 10th consecutive night attack by R.A.F., R.C.A.F.; 14 aircraft missing. First Army abandons Sedjenane, in Tunisia; falls back 7 miles to Tamera. U.S. warships sink 2 more Jap destroyers, in central Solomons.

Mar. 7th.—Berlin admits withdrawal from Gzhatsk (northeast of Vyazma) Saturday; Russians advance towards Vyazma, Staraya Russa. Nazi raiders drop bombs on London suburbs, also on southeastern points. Eighth Army holds against two Nazi attacks, battle continues. Nazi commissioner for Holland says half Jews of country now in work camps, being eliminated from cultural, business pursuits.

Mar. 8th.—Russians take Sychevka, on railway between Rzhev and Vyazma. Rommel forced back by Eighth Army. Allied bombers sink 2 ships in Axis convoy, set fire to 5 others, leave still another sinking. Allied planes from India bomb Jap bases in Burma. Western democracies and Russia must reach agreement or third war inevitable, declares vice-president Wallace. Nazis in counter-offensive take eight centres before Kharkov.

Mar. 9th.—Russians reach Dnieper river north of Vyazma. Nuremberg chief objective R.A.F., R.C.A.F. raid; 7 bombers missing. Nazis driven back south, north, central Tunisian fronts. Japs sink cargo vessel off New Guinea. Number Nazis killed in France by French patriots in past few days may be over 200, says Fighting French spokesman in London. Canadian corvette *Weyburn* reported sunk in Mediterranean, 7 of crew lost.

Mar. 10th.—Kharkov battle rages. Eleven planes lost in heavy R.A.F., R.C.A.F. raid on Munich. U.S. House of Representatives votes to continue lend-lease act another year.

Mar. 11th.—Over 2,000 Nazi factories have been wrecked by R.A.F. bombing; last Friday's raid on Essen probably heaviest blow against German war industry, says Sinclair. Russians take Iskova, near Vyazma; Kharkov defenders said holding. First Army beats off Nazi attack, north Tunisia.

Mar. 12th.—Stuttgart bombed; 11 bombers lost. Five of 12 Nazi planes downed in raid against London. Berlin claims Kharkov reoccupied; Russian capture Vyazma reported.

Mar. 13th.—R.A.F., R.C.A.F., bomb Essen, 23 planes missing; U.S. bombers attack rail junction at Amiens. Vichy guards, armored cars, pursue young French patriots resisting forced labor in Germany. Allied bombers attack Sousse, Tunis. Canadian corvette *Regina* has sunk submarine in Mediterranean, announced in Ottawa. Eden in Washington.

Mar. 14th.—Heavy fighting continues in Kharkov area; Russians cross Dnieper and Vyazma rivers east of Smolensk. R.A.F. fighters attack enemy airfields, northern France. Allies take offensive in northern Tunisia.

Concentration Jap transports, cargo ships, in Ambon-Dobo area reported from Australia. Chinese hold back Jap drive west of Salween, in Yunnan. Goebels denies reports Hitler sick. Giraud announces adherence to Atlantic Charter, promises elimination Axis "measures and men" in north Africa.

Mar. 15th.—Great battle raging north of Kharkov. Russians take Semlevo, west of Vyazma. First Army in Tunisia advancing in Sedjenane area. R.A.F. fighters attack railway trains, installations, in Europe, 4 aircraft lost. Bergeret, pro-Vichy member of Giraud's committee, resigns. Rome says *Empress of Canada* sunk in Atlantic. Evacuation of Kharkov announced by Moscow.

Mar. 16th.—Russians said within 60 miles Smolensk. Nazis claim Soviet force encircled, south of Kharkov. First Army advances in Sedjenane area. Four Nazi raiders shot down in attacks on towns in eastern England. Churchill says Allies cooperating in submarine campaign. Jap bombers raid Darwin, 14 aircraft shot out of action. Allied planes drop two enemy transports in Faroe Islands. Nazi planes bomb young Frenchmen resisting forced labor; 7,000 said in mountain "hides".

Mar. 17th.—Moscow reports Nazi drive in Kharkov sector checked at all points. Russians advancing south of Lake Ilmen, west of Vyazma. Swedish report says new Russian drive in Arctic within 8 miles of Petsamo. Mareth forts under continuous hammering by R.A.F. bombers; Allied aircraft bomb Gabes, Sfax. Jap convoy attacked Monday has retired, says Australian report. Kiska bombed 6 times in one day. Jap destroyer, three other ships, sunk by U.S. submarines, Washington announces. Gas being shipped towards Russia, says underground German radio.

The question of the ownership of Shipshaw, the new power-production project in Quebec Province, has been raised in Parliament by M. J. Coldwell, who has also asked for information as to who has paid for its construction.

"Report" has been placed before the newly appointed Committee on Social Insurance. The report was compiled after several years of intensive study by Dr. Leonard C. Marsh, formerly assistant to Sir William Beveridge, and for the past two years research advised to the Reconstruction Advisory Committee. The plan aims at ensuring a basic minimum income for every Canadian irrespective of occupation, age or sex. The estimated cost would be about \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The report suggests an outlay of an additional similar sum during the first year after the war for works projects to fill the gap between demobilization and the restoration of the national economy to a peace basis. The basic income aimed at is about \$30 a month for an individual, \$45 for a married couple and about \$14.50 for each child. For the present the plan suggests children's allowances of from \$8 to \$9 a month, and an increase in the present rates for unemployment insurance, as well as in old age pensions, the latter being raised from \$20 to \$30 a month, and eligible age reduced to 65 years for men and 60 for women.

The plan also advocates free medical aid for all citizens and maternity benefits for employed women. Dr. Marsh estimates that approximately one-half the annual cost of the plan would be obtained through contributions from employers and those benefiting under the scheme, while the rest would come from the public treasury.

Collection of contributions from farmers and others who are in business on their account would be involved in adoption of the contributory principle to health, old age and disability. From farmers and other rural groups contributions to social insurance were estimated at 75 to 90 cents a week. It is suggested that collection of premiums from farmers and other non-wage earners might be done in connection with property tax collections.

As to accident insurance, the most serious discrepancies in present workmen's compensation act, stated Dr. Marsh, is exclusion of agricultural workers and seamen. "It should be possible to set rates" (workmen's compensation) "which would not be very burdensome for farmers," he stated.

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BRIEF ON FARM DEBTS
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Provinces is still very considerably below the average gross farm income from 1926-29. Taking the figures as announced recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, following is the farm income for 1942:

Manitoba.....	\$100,100,000
Saskatchewan.....	189,600,000
Alberta.....	172,500,000
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	\$462,200,000

"This compares with the average gross income for the three Prairie Provinces from 1926-29 of \$537,937,000. There must still be an increase of over \$75,000,000 before farm income on the Prairies reaches the 1926-29 average.

"2. The increased farm revenue for that year must be offset by the increased cost of living, the extent of which has been established by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and that increase applies to farm homes as well as city. Moreover, probably at no time in the history of Western agriculture was the farm labor situation as acute as last year and rarely, if ever, have farmers paid as high costs for farm labor.

"3. The limitation of deliverable quotas for the crop year commencing August 1st, 1942, to fourteen bushels per acre means that many farmers have a very considerable amount of wheat in store on their farms which cannot be realized upon for payment of farm debts until after the 31st day of July next, and then only as part of the 14 bushel quota announced as available in the next crop year. Instances have already appeared in Western Courts where orders for foreclosure of farm lands were made notwithstanding the fact that the debtor had a considerable quantity of wheat stored on his farm upon which he could not realize, because he had already sold his maximum deliverable quota.

What Simple Justice Demands

"4. Policies of continued wheat acreage reduction, quota delivery and ceiling prices restrict income. It is no fault of the Western farmer that by reason of wheat acreage reduction policies, cash income from wheat must continue to be greatly reduced and the total allowable delivery quota for the crop year 1943-44 is again limited to fourteen bushels. Ceiling prices particularly in coarse grains limit the income which a farmer may receive.

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on part of his production. It is submitted that when international trade conditions make necessary a continuation from year to year of wheat acreage reduction, delivery quotas and ceiling prices, then simple justice demands some plan of adjustment of interest-bearing past due debts.

"5. Comparatively low price of wheat. It may be pointed out, but not in any spirit of criticism, that the initial payment which the Government has authorized the Canadian Wheat Board to make on the 1943 crop is still less than one dollar per bushel, which for many years prior to 1930 was considered the very minimum price at which wheat could profitably be produced.

Income Tax and Debt Payments

"6. The Income War Tax Act applies on a lower level of income than at any previous time, and the rate of taxation is such that if the income of an individual farmer rises to the point where he could otherwise make some payment on old debts, the high rate of income tax practically prohibits the payment of past due liabilities.

"It is the opinion of representatives of farm organizations in Western Canada that only in exceptional cases will the increase in farm revenue go far towards the liquidation of farm debt and that with respect to the greater part of the private debt burden of Western Canada, the pressure of creditors is at best only temporarily lessened. Any change in the economic position which results in decreased farm revenue will again see the debt problem a very acute one.

Hazards of Western Agriculture

"Again, while the history of the Prairie Provinces shows that over a period of years they have made a great contribution to Canadian national wealth, that history also shows that the industry of agriculture in parts of those Provinces has been an extremely hazardous one, more especially in parts of Saskatchewan and in the eastern and southern parts of Alberta. The risk of damage from hail is very high. Probably in the American continent is the ratio of loss by hail higher than in Alberta and some parts of Saskatchewan. In addition, parts of Western Canada must undoubtedly be regarded as semi-arid. Apart entirely from the extreme period of drought culminating in 1937, such areas are more or less susceptible to drought in any year, although highly productive in good years.

"There are few more distressing experiences in civil life than that of a farmer who sees the results of his year's labor suddenly swept away by hail or gradually wasted away by drought. And either may happen, not only in one year but in two or three consecutive years. Damage from insect pests is also prevalent in some years. Under such conditions debts accumulate and farmers, through no fault of their own, may be entirely unable to meet their liabilities as they become due. Even farmers who have had their debts adjusted on what appears to be a fair and reasonable basis may, as a result of such conditions again find that interest and other charges have accumulated to the extent that the debt becomes impossible to meet from the average

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production of the debtor's land. Adequate debt adjustment legislation must make provision for debts incurred under such conditions.

Case for Permanent Legislation

"In conclusion we submit that adequate provision for the adjustment of farm debts may well become a permanent feature of Canadian legislation. We have heard much recently about the new order that is to follow the war. A satisfactory and reasonable method of debt adjustment may properly be part of such new order. It is submitted that complete fore-closure of farm lands through the Courts should not in this day be the to creditors."



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erous outdoor chores to do as well. But most of the ones who went very little farther than from the kitchen to other parts of the house at their usual work might have quite a score to show.

Then how interesting it would be if we knew how far we had gone in our thoughts. At the present time probably many would be travelling more than usual. Many, for instance, would be Overseas many times a day wondering how Tom or Jim or Fred fared. Others would be travelling to some training centres in the East or to our Western Coast in some service there. Still others might find their thoughts travelling frequently to some near-by town or city or some other part of the country. Distances would be almost incredible in some instances.

Into Past and Future

Then, if it were possible to take still a third measurement—that would be to measure the distances into the past and into the future. Some of us have reached the stage where often and often we travel back through the years in our thoughts to memories sad or memories gay or sometimes merely little trivial things of the every day. With that ability to measure the distances into the past, might be the ability to measure into the future. And what trips in our imagination we should take! Some which we know are absolutely impossible but yet are rather fun to plan. Then there might be others which are achievable with good fortune and the possibilities which we trust the future will reveal. We hope for their fulfilment and promise ourselves to do our best towards that end. Some of these may be largely personal, but others are largely social, affecting many, many people.

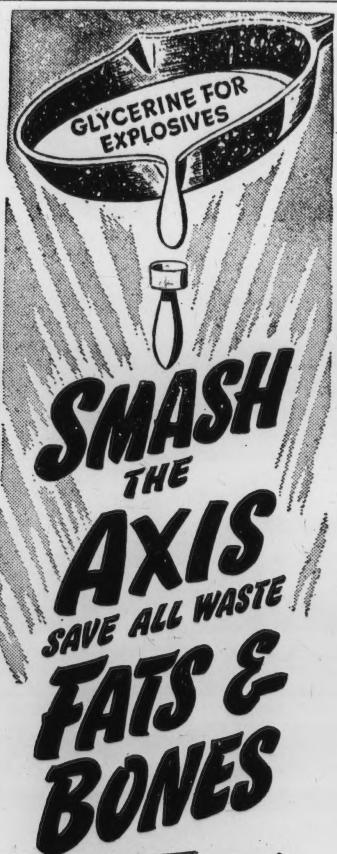
A most interesting social one of which I was reading in the February number of the *Canadian Forum* was entitled "Design for State Medicine". It pictured a plan for socialized service for health—for the building up of a healthy nation. This would include great development in our preventative activities as well as in the curative.

In the first place, the State would encourage and train the necessary number of doctors and dentists which are needed, instead of trying to get along with the great shortage we have at present—and that shortage applies not only in war time but in peace. The article, which is a lengthy one, goes into detail of the building up of clinics, etc., and the compulsory health examinations and other plans that would be necessary.

"Mobile Medicine"

Very interesting to us country people was the plan which would include the adoption of the plan of mobile medicine. From the manner health and accidents have been looked after during the war, much has been learned. Instead of the farmer having to travel a distance to his doctor, the travelling would be reversed. The writer also suggests the method of the field ambulance carrying a physician, dentist and trained nurse, travelling rural routes, giving routine physical examinations, testing water, looking at teeth, etc. Where serious illness is encountered the message is sent to the nearest clinic or hospital and a flying ambulance is despatched to pick up the patient.

What possibilities are in that plan and what a difference in the strain on many a person who has been in mental torture as to whether to try



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2 You can donate your fat drippings, scrap fat and bones to your local Voluntary Salvage Committee if they collect them in your community, or—

3 You can continue to place out your Fats and Bones for collection by your Street Cleaning Department where such a system is in effect.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES
NATIONAL SALVAGE DIVISION

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. are studying "The Northern Plains in a World of Change".

Several quilts, as well as children's garments, knitting, etc., have been turned in to the Red Cross by Milo U.F.W.A.

Asker U.F.W.A. are carrying on Red Cross work, and have also made donations to the Prisoners of War Fund and to the Cancer Fund.

To conserve gas, Balzac U.F.W.A. plan to hold meetings this year every second month: Members are carrying on knitting, sewing and quilt-making for the Red Cross.

In aid of the Red Cross, Bismarck U.F.W.A. (near Lacombe) are holding a bingo party; last month a card party was held to raise money for Russian relief.

The director's report on Horticulture was read and greatly enjoyed at the last meeting of Three Hills U.F.W.A., writes Mary Burns, secretary.

In addition to contributing three complete outfits of clothing for chil-

dren to the Red Cross, Horn Hill U.F.W.A. (near Penhold) donated \$5 to the Aid for Russia fund.

Bingo and military whist and dancing were arranged for the Red Cross social evening recently sponsored by Browning U.F.W.A. (near Edgerton) writes Mrs. W. C. McPeak.

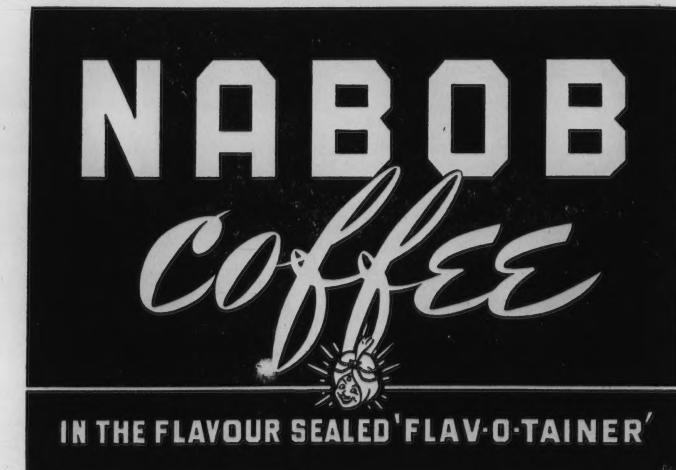
An Easter dinner and entertainment is being planned by Linda U.F.W.A. (Stettler). The U.F.A. broadcasts have been very interesting, writes Mrs. Agnes Oro, secretary, and have been discussed at the meetings.

Numerous quilts have been made and a great deal of knitting done for the Red Cross by the members of Brooks U.F.W.A., reports Dorothy Erickson, secretary. Parcels were sent to all men from the district serving with the armed forces.

Eleven quilts and one crib quilt were handed in to the Red Cross by Mazeppa U.F.W.A. between January 1st and March 6th, writes Mrs. H. Vickery, secretary. Members are much interested in U.F.A. broadcasts and in C.B.C. talks on home nursing.

A very interesting debate on the use of school vans for country children was a feature of a recent meeting of Gleichen U.F.W.A. In addition to making 8 quilts, and doing knitting for the Red Cross, \$5 each was donated to the Aid to Russia and the Junior Conference funds.

While members sewed quilt patches or teased wool for a Red Cross quilt, they listened to the reading of the director's bulletin and discussed it, at the last meeting of Starline U.F.W.A. (near Claresholm). They are represented on the executive of the Hostess house, in Claresholm, and members also frequently entertain men and women of the R.C.A.F. in their own homes, writes Mrs. Marvin Mosley, secretary. A study group is following the course on Wartime Economy from the University.



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Farm Home and Garden

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Cabbage au Gratin: Make a white sauce of 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon each butter and flour; to 2 cups chopped, cooked cabbage use 1/2 cup grated cheese and 1 cup breadcrumbs. Arrange layer of cabbage in casserole, add a little sauce and grated cheese and a layer of crumbs; repeat; bake in hot oven for 20 minutes.

Soyabean Cookies: Cream 1/2 cup (Continued at foot of next column)

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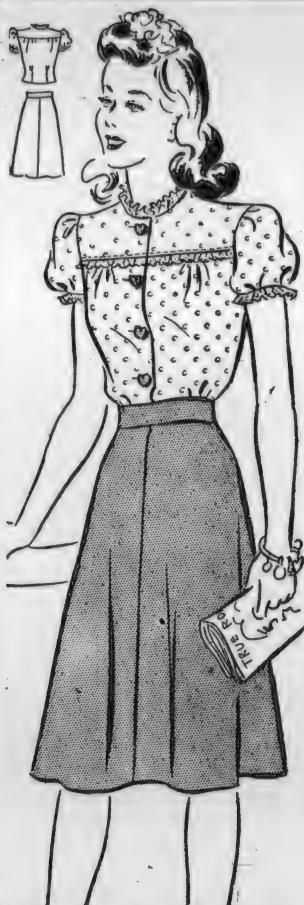
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FARM HOME & GARDEN

(Continued from column 1)

soyabean butter with 1/2 cup dripping, and 1/4 cup each white and brown sugar, 1 egg, and beat thoroughly; mix in 1-1/2 cups flour which has been sifted with 1/2 teaspoon baking soda and a little salt. Form into small rolls and place on lightly greased baking sheet; press down with a fork.

Fairy Tarts: Beat yolks of 2 eggs, add 4 tablespoons sugar, 2 cups applesauce; cook in double boiler until thick; add 1/2 teaspoon almond extract. Cool. Pile in baked tart shells; cover with meringue made with 2 beaten egg whites and 4 tablespoons sugar. Brown in very slow oven.

At the last meeting of Dalemead U.F.W.A., at the home of Mrs. A. Gosling, there was an exhibit of work done by the Dalemead-Indus branch of the Red Cross. The women of the district provided 225 articles for the display, writes Mrs. J. E. Keir, ranging from comforters to baby garments, and from turtleneck sweaters to helmets and gloves. Girls' dresses formed a particularly pleasing assortment. The ladies also donated fruit cakes, tomato juice, knitted socks, soup, candy and sardines to the boxes packed by the U.F.W.A. for local boys overseas.

An amateur program and a skating party were among the late winter social gatherings arranged by Conrich Juniors, reports Mina Albertson, secretary.

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By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE
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O.A.P.—The answer to your enquiry depends upon whether the payments made under your Agreement are for principal or interest. To the extent the payments represent interest you will be allowed to deduct same as an expense in calculating Income Tax. To the extent they represent principal they will not be deductible.

Old Age Pension

L.H.M.—I do not believe the Old Age Pensions Board will insist on payment of their claim. There should therefore be approximately \$300.00 in the estate, but apparently this money will be slow coming in. You should take the matter up again with Mr. Thom.

Should Be Able to Collect

J.E.L.—I think you should be able to collect the balance of your wages. You had better consult the nearest Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.

Can Commence Proceedings

W.T.—As the Debt Adjustment Act has been declared invalid there is nothing to stop the land company from commencing proceedings to cancel the agreement. They can only get their land back. If proceedings are started you should have someone appear for you before the Judge and ask for extension of time which I think you would get. I personally doubt if company will commence proceedings.

Title Should Present No Difficulty

E.P.—Your letter does not give me sufficient information to reply. There should be no difficulty about the title to the property.

Length of Notice

Anxious.—The reply to your enquiry depends upon whether the house is located in a place which comes under

the Wartime Regulations with respect to rents. These regulations are very extensive and I think you should consult a solicitor who can safely advise you after having all the facts. If your property does not come under the Wartime Regulations then the length of notice which you have to give depends upon the terms of the lease.

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J. P. Morgan, head of the great Morgan banking firm, died in Florida last Saturday. He was 75 years old.

Studies of bituminous sand, of Alberta coal for domestic stoker use, of utilization of natural gas and of rural electrification are being undertaken by the Research Council of Alberta this year.

W. C. Folliott, commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, who was connected with the central selling agency of the Wheat Pools from 1925 to 1936, died in Winnipeg last Saturday, at the age of 53.

To All U.F.A. Members: ORGANIZE DRIVE BEFORE SEEDING

As your Directors are prevented by gasoline rationing and the rubber shortage from travelling as much as formerly for organizational purposes, the building up of the membership of your Local this season is largely *your responsibility*.

Will you please make it your business to see that a Membership Drive is organized by your Local before spring work begins; and also that all dues are forwarded promptly to Central Office in Calgary?

The United Farmers of Alberta

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Wheat prices on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange have shown unexpected strength, largely due, it is believed, to heavy purchases of futures by United States speculators. May wheat went up to 97c. Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, referred to the rise in wheat prices as "unexpected and appreciated". There is nothing in the statistical position of wheat to justify a price increase, and the Food Research Institute of Stanford University says, "The general strength of wheat prices is remarkable, in view of the unprecedentedly large total supply." It is still likely that the United States and Canada between them will have a wheat carryover on next July of around 1,400,000,000 bushels.

"Bullish" Factors

Nevertheless, there are some "bullish" factors. The first, and probably the most important, is the fear of inflation. Money in circulation in the United States has reached around \$16 billion, a record-breaking figure. The national income of that country may touch \$140 billion this year. A great deal of the idle money is "looking for a place to go". Commodities are always an attractive holding during an inflationary period.

Then there is the factor that the powerful farm bloc in the United States is seeking to have labor costs included in the parity price method of computation. This would result in bringing the price of wheat to around \$1.65 a bushel. The Canadian wheat price, which is now about 50c lower than the Chicago quotation, must look very cheap to United States speculators.

Observers have been commenting on the amount of wheat being fed to livestock in the United States. The total may run to 200 million bushels. However, the Food Research Institute of Stanford University thinks the domestic disappearance of wheat in the United States this year will total around 800 million bushels and exports around 27 million, which would still leave a carryover of between 750 million and 800 million bushels.

The Dairy Market

As all prices are government controlled by a set maximum there has been no change in the markets. Locally, prices remain at 35 cents for first grade prints and 33 cents plus 10 cents subsidy for butterfat.

Vancouver

Vancouver prices are unchanged—first grade creamy butter, solids, are 34-1/2 cents.

Effective March 25th, any person slaughtering cattle for sale as beef must remove from the carcass at the time of slaughter internal fats including kidney fat, crotch or pelvic fat, brisket fat, fat in the heart area, cod fat under and udder fat. Facilities for the shipment of these fats will be made available and details will be announced shortly by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Donate Books to Legion

Stating that the libraries established during the depression years at their elevators throughout the drought areas of the Prairie Provinces have now served their purpose, the Line Elevators Association have decided to turn them over to the Canadian Legion War Services for use by the armed forces in military camps. The libraries, which numbered 357, containing over 22,000 books—fiction, history, economics, etc.—were changed from time to time, providing new reading material in the districts they served.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 17th.—The cattle market is holding about steady. Good butcher steers are \$11.50 to \$11.85, common to medium \$10.25 to \$11.25; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.75 to \$11.50, common to medium \$9.50 to \$10.50; good cows \$9.50 to \$10, common to medium \$8 to \$9.25; canners and cutters \$5.50 to \$7.50. Good to choice fed calves are \$11.50 to \$12, common to medium \$10 to \$11; good stocker and feeder steers \$10 to \$10.75, common to medium \$8.75 to \$9.75. Hogs are \$15.80 B1's at yards and plants, sows \$12, liveweight at yards, \$13 to \$13.50 dressed. Good lambs are \$12.75 to \$13.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 17th.—Trading has been brisk with prices holding firm or somewhat stronger. Good to choice fed calves are \$11.50 to \$12, common to medium \$9.50 to \$10.75; good to choice light heifers \$10.75 to \$11.25, common to medium \$8.50 to \$10.25; good to choice light cows \$9.25 to \$10, heavy \$8.25 to \$9.25, common to medium \$7 to \$8.25 with canners and cutters \$4.50 to \$7 and bulls \$7.50 to \$9.50. Good to choice veal handweights are \$12 to \$13, common and heavy kinds \$11 down. Stocker and feeder steers are \$10 to \$11, heifers \$8 to \$9.25 and cows \$7.50 down. Basic price for coast shipment for hogs is \$16.35 B1's and B3's, locals \$15.90; sows liveweight \$11.75 locals, off-cars \$12, \$15.90 to \$16 basic plants, dressed \$13 to \$13.50. Feeders at yards are \$11.50 to \$12.50. Good to choice handweight lambs are \$13 to \$13.50, yearlings \$9 down and light ewes \$8.50 down.

At an average price of \$76.66 per head, 634 horses were sold at the Calgary Horse Sale last week. High price was \$405 for a team of Clydesdale mares.

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Was U.F.A. Vice-President Press for Payment on Farm Stored Grain

H. E. G. H. Scholefield died in Calgary on Tuesday. Mr. Scholefield, who was 73 years of age, was born in Ryde, Isle of Wight, coming to Alberta in 1905. He farmed in the Crossfield district for many years, and was active in the work of the U.F.A., becoming director for West Calgary in 1921, and Vice-president from 1922 to 1931. He had been in failing health for some years past. He leaves one son, Harry James, at Crossfield. Mrs. Scholefield predeceased him in 1934.

Speak in Behalf Alberta Livestock Co-op.

Many meetings in behalf of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, which recently opened for business on the Calgary Stockyards, have been and will be addressed in the near future by speakers from the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., through whom, as Hugh Allen, President of the A.L.C. announces elsewhere in this issue, organization work in the district is being carried out.

The meetings are being held in many cases in conjunction with the Alberta Wheat Pool and the United Grain Growers, and speakers have already attended a considerable number of such meetings. Among the points at which meetings were arranged for the past week were Herronton, Blackie, Reid Hill and Red Cross, Cluny and Gleichen. M. H. Ward being the speaker from the U.F.A. Co-op. for the A.L.C.; and Kircaldy and Champion, where Gordon Walker spoke on the Alberta Livestock Co-operative. Other meetings are to follow.

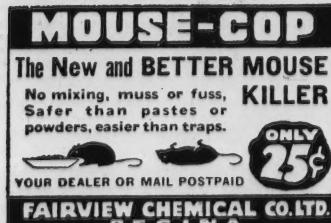
A joint Canadian-U.S. agricultural committee to further food production has been set up.

President Roosevelt last week urged Congress to adopt a national security scheme prepared by the National Resources Planning Board, along similar lines to the Beveridge Plan.



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Continued efforts will be made to obtain a favorable response to the repeated requests made to the Dominion Government to pay farmers for storage of wheat on the farm, it was decided at a meeting of the U.F.A. Executive held in Calgary last week at which many matters of importance to the farming community were dealt with.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the reply received from the Ottawa Government, to requests that the matter of establishing plants for the manufacture of alcohol from wheat for use in synthetic rubber production be taken up. The Government replied that their technical advisers informed them that petroleum was being used for this purpose.

Italian Labor for Farms

Lack of shipping facilities presents the main obstacle to the employment on Canadian farms of Italians from Northern Italy, now in Allied prison camps, the Government informed the Executive. This reply also was not considered satisfactory, and the matter will be taken up again.

The Executive are also pressing for a reduction in 50 per cent in car license fees, and asking that a driver's license be good for five years at a fee of not more than \$1.

That farmers be allowed to fill tanks for passenger cars from tanks on the farm is being urged further upon the Oil Controller.

Attention of the Federal Government has been called to the disadvantage under which the rural housewife is placed in the matter of sugar rations, since she is unable to buy cakes, etc., to conserve her domestic supply.

Plan Recovery of Drums

Representatives of Western Canadian Co-operatives handling petroleum products conferred this week at the Saskatchewan Hotel, Regina, with Used Goods Administrator Mackie. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the recovery and full use of drums for gasoline and oil for war purposes. Norman F. Priestley, General Manager of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., and W. F. Wallace, General Manager of Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., attended. Representatives of the Consumers' Co-operative Refinery, Regina, and the Co-operative Wholesales of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, were among those taking part.

CJCJ Echoes from Friendly Voice of the Foothills

Definitely established in the CJCJ noon hour, the program, "When a Cowboy Sings a Song," rates tops in most of the ranch homes around Calgary. And they are mighty particular about what types of music are featured; a letter received the other day indicated that the listeners were following the program with the thought in mind that it was going to be Cowboy music and they weren't going to be satisfied with any numbers that were supposedly Western but were actually straight questionable comedy. Bruce Leyden immediately went to work on his library to make sure that all such numbers were taken off the list. It's Western music and nothing but "When a Cowboy Sings a Song."

"The Crosby Cavalcade" is the latest addition to the Sunday afternoon entertainment listings of CJCJ. Already providing one of the best musical routines available in radio, CJCJ added this feature to the Sunday listings last week. It's a half hour of the popular melodies presented in the manner of Bing Crosby with all

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his favored recordings present in a half hour review, with John Scott Trotter providing the musical background. When the clock strikes four, till the clock strikes 4:30 you'll find the accent on melody at CJCJ Sunday afternoons.

Few if any Japanese will be available for general farm help this spring, said R. M. Putnam, secretary of the consultative committee on agricultural services, Edmonton, since those doing farm work will be employed on sugar beet farms.



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We understand that the R.A.F. celebrated the New Year by giving Adolf a bomb steer.

"Rob Diners of \$3,500"—headline. Gosh! We thought there was a ceiling on restaurant prices.

CHRISTMAS POME (D-LAID)

(With Apologies)

Not a cluck was heard, not an egg was laid
As to the hen-house we hurried;
But we were not even a bit dismayed,
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Postcard from A. G. says he knows a chap who received a year's stretch from a rubber cheque.

Yep, and he insists that what this country needs is more clothes and less line.

"And lissen," says he, "a movie star may be dumb, but her money talks."

As a parting shot he intimates that even an old hen likes to look chic.

Curiously enough, it's hard to shake a cold with a nasty gripe.

Communication from Mister Gloom says a lot of folks who are always grousing about other people drinking should "dry" up.

Sounds kinda funny, but a furnace has to be coaled before it gets hot.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

The more a girl knows the more a girl no's.

"Rival Parties Bury Hatchet"—headline. Ah, Axe marks the spot.

It seems like something or other, but a man who keeps hammering away has little time to be a knocker.

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Postcard from G.H.J., may his shadow never grow less, came out the other day to tell us that "live and let live" is a good maxim, but "love and help live" is a better.

REVISED VERSION

"My love has such a white, white nose."—Powder Puff.

A still greater boom in farm poultry business is indicated. Why not, even in the city the chickens will "lay" for a man.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Even a well dressed man can be shabby in his actions.

These days women are reported to be taking up wrestling. Wassa matter? Won't the men fall for them any more?

And another of life's great problems, opines Nan of Nanton, is what to do

with the fatted calves when the supply of Prodigal sons runs out.

Add similes: As interesting as a conversation that you can't quite overhear.

Will somebody please explain why the best automobile driver is the one with horse sense?

Over in occupied France, news item says that government licenses for love making are being advocated. What a Nazi suggestion.

In any case, aren't lovers already getting it in the neck?

Willy, nilly, we'll bet the sweet young things will be able to squeeze out of it.

TUT, TUT, TUT

Yip, and imagine a conversation like this:

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